

Amendments to the Specification

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121(b)(3), please replace the specification presently on record with the substitute specification provided herewith. Also being submitted concurrently is a marked up copy of the specification pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.125(c), showing all revisions to the specification (other than the claims) relative to the immediate prior version.

The substitute specification differs from the immediate prior version as follows.

(1)

An error in the English translation of the instant specification as filed has been corrected. Specifically, the German term “Kohlensäure” used in the International Application PCT/EP2004/000488, published in German as WO 2004/065425, was incorrectly translated as “carboxylic acid” rather than “carbonic acid”. Accordingly, the term “carboxylic acid” has been replaced by the term “carbonic acid” throughout the specification.

(2)

The specification has been amended to comply with the USPTO rules of practice.

(a) The Application title has been amended by replacing the term “carboxylic acid” by the term “carbonic acid”:

CARBONIC ACID DIESTERS, METHODS FOR THE PRODUCTION
THEREOF AND METHODS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
PHARMACEUTICAL ACTIVE SUBSTANCES COUPLED TO FREE
AMINO GROUPS WITH POLYSACCHARIDE OR POLYSACCHARIDE
DERIVATIVES

(b) The following paragraph has been deleted from the first page header

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and replaced with the following text:

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(c) The following new paragraph has been added at page 1 in the substitute specification, immediately prior to the Application title:

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(d) The paragraph at page 1, starting at line 17 in the substitute specification, has been deleted.

(e) Section headings and the summary of the invention section have been added.
At page 1, line 16, in the substitute specification, immediately after RELATED APPLICATION paragraph, the following text has been added:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

At page 2, starting at line 24 of the substitute specification, the following new paragraphs have been added:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to carbonic acid diesters, solids and solutions which comprise these esters and also to methods for their production. In addition, the present invention relates to methods for the production of pharmaceutical active substances coupled at free amino groups to polysaccharides or polysaccharide derivatives, which methods are carried out using the carbonic acid diesters, and also to the pharmaceutical active substances which are obtainable by these methods.

At page 3, line 1, of the substitute specification the following text has been added:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION